

COUNTY DIVISION.

HOW THE TECHNICAL WORK IS DONE.

An Investigation Called Forth by a Vigorous Kick from an Orange County Paper—How the Two Counties Will Stand in the Settlement.

The Anaheim Gazette of the 30th ult. has the following:

The outlandish demand of the two commissioners appointed by the Los Angeles Board of Supervisors to act with those of this county in settling the business affairs of the two counties is a matter that almost surpasses comprehension. As mentioned in our local column last week, the Los Angeles commissioners demand about \$100,000 as much compensation for their services as the facts of the case entitle them to. The Orange County Bill provides that no quota of the commissioners shall exist unless the two commissioners are present. As the Orange commissioners were absent but four days, it is strange that the Los Angeles commissioners should have been in session for 22 days. As Orange county bears half of the expense of the commissioners, it is only fair to us to give to our citizens. The Orange commissioners have made demands in accordance with justice and reason, but the Los Angeles commissioners seem to be playing rather a robust game. The expenditure for furniture alone to fit up the temporary office of the commission amounts to \$400. But the authority was the expense incurred? Here is richness for the Grand Jury to investigate.

In view of the above charges, a reporter of the TIMES waited on Capt. George C. Knox, one of the commissioners, who made full explanations concerning the workings of the commission. He showed a fine set of black walnut office furniture in the room in the west end of the courthouse, occupied by the commission, and while he did not deny that the expense was as stated, it is said of permanent value and will probably be taken by Los Angeles county in the settlement of affairs, and will do service for many years.

As to the charge that the Los Angeles representatives put in much more time than the Orange county representatives, he said that, from the nature of the case, it is bound to be that way. All of the overhauling of books, the drawing of maps and making up of inventories has to be done here, where the public records are located. A force of seven men is kept constantly employed, and these are under the direct supervision of Commissioners Knox and Johnson. The Orange county representatives come up as often as they think their presence is required, and are here to attend the regular weekly meetings.

Capt. Knox exhibited the pay-roll for January, which amounts to \$757, and a bill for stationary amounting to \$33.40. The commissioners draw \$8 a day for actual service, and, during January, Commissioners Knox and Johnson put in 23 days each. The Orange commissioners, others, Richard Egan and James McFadden, draw \$8 per day and expenses whenever they come up on official business.

While the statement is not given as official, the following may be taken as about the way in which the accounts between the two countries will stand:

Real estate, total value, \$400,000

Cash in treasury March 11, 1889, less interest and sinking fund, 140,000

Total, \$260,000

The proportion of these assets allotted to Orange county, on the basis of the assessment of 1888, is about one to ten which would make Orange county's share \$79,000.

The joint indebtedness is figured as follows:

Bonds and interest, \$700,000

Less cash in interest and sinking fund, 40,000

Remainder, \$660,000

Orange county's one-tenth of this is \$66,000.

The charges against Orange county will be:

Office of debt, \$6,000

Bridges in Orange county, 40,000

Real estate in Orange county, 2,000

Proportionate cost of running the two counties, March 11, 1889, to August 1, 1889, (about) 30,000

Total, \$138,000

From which deduct Orange county's share of assets, 79,000

Balance due Los Angeles county, \$59,000

These figures are, of course, only approximate, and are given in round numbers. The probabilities are that Orange county will come out in Los Angeles county's debt from sixty to seventy thousand dollars. This will be a surprise to some people.

A considerable part of the commission's work is ascertaining an exact basis of division according to the assessment rolls of 1888. Each item of assessment has to be reviewed carefully, and, in some cases, when the division line has been run through, a part is set off to Los Angeles and a part to Orange county. For this purpose accurate maps have to be made of the country contiguous to the dividing line. Two errors in the assessment books have been discovered, which change the fogging about \$100,000. When the work of adjusting the assessments is completed and written up in books provided for the purpose, the matter of division will be speedily settled.

EAST SIDE.

Four Runaways Reported — The Chamber.

Mr. de Berry met with an accident Tuesday evening when driving over Downey-avenue bridge. His horse became frightened, and ran into a large wagon, breaking one of the buggy wheels. Mr. de Berry and wife were in the buggy, but neither of them was hurt.

A team near the west end of Downey-avenue bridge broke loose yesterday afternoon, and struck out for a little recreation. They had not gone far when they were caught and cared for. No special damage was done.

A laughable runaway occurred on Downey avenue yesterday. Two Chinamen were driving along with an old horse and an express wagon, when the horse took up the steppes. The driver started up the avenue. The driver became frightened, dropping his reins, and cried "Stop 'un hoss!" After the animal had run a block or more he discovered that his brake was loose, and, seizing hold of the lever he stopped so quickly that the driver fell off the front end of the wagon, still hanging to the brake and crying for help. The bystanders soon cut him loose and let him down unharmed. The damage being done. The other Chinaman made a successful jump backward at the commencement of the race, much to the merriment of the bystanders. He picked himself up unhurt, after rolling up hill for some distance.

Charlie Neal had a narrow escape from being crushed by a train yester-

day, while he was endeavoring to make the crossing from Buena Vista street to Downey avenue, just west of the Downey-avenue bridge. As he was driving through the Y his horse became frightened at the moving train, and in Charlie's effort to manage the animal he broke one of the reins, leaving him hors' de combat. Then he sprang upon the horse's back and succeeded in controlling the runaway, and nothing serious resulted from the escapade.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

The East Side Chamber of Commerce met last evening, President Garrett in the chair.

Mr. Willis reported that as soon as the estimate of cost for repairing the Buena Vista-street bridge could be obtained the bridge would be repaired, if not by the railroad company by the chamber.

The committee appointed to solicit subscriptions for the East Side edition of the Champion for the cable celebration was discharged, and all the members requested to call at the Champion office and procure as many copies as they desire to send away.

A slight kick was made about the cable-car service on Downey avenue to Woodstock street.

Mr. Willis notified the chamber that he would offer a resolution to change the night of meeting of the chamber to Saturday evening.

Sherman Smith was unanimously elected secretary of the board for the ensuing term.

HIS OWN NEGLECT.

Inquest on the Body of James Fitzpatrick.

Coroner Meredith held an inquest yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the undertaking rooms of Hopkins & Co., on Main street, on the body of James Fitzpatrick, who was killed, at a Santos F. depot Tuesday afternoon by being run over by a car on which he was at work at the time. A large number of friends of the deceased were present, and took a deep interest in the proceedings. Nine witnesses were examined, mostly railroad men, physicians who attended the Fitzpatrick. It was shown that Fitzpatrick had been employed by the railroad company as a carpenter, and was working on a loaded car on what is known as the repair track, when another car was run on the switch, and, striking the one on which he was at work, set it in motion, knocking him down, when the wheels passed over both legs, causing injuries from which he died. It was further shown that Fitzpatrick had failed to display the signal required by the company, which is a blue flag by day or a blue light at night, and the printed rules of the company were introduced to show that this precaution is made obligatory on all repairers, who are furnished with such signals. After hearing the evidence the jury returned a verdict that the deceased came to his death from the effects of injuries received by being run over by a car or a locomotive.

The funeral of the deceased will take place from his late residence on Sain-

street this morning at 9:30 o'clock. Members of Los Angeles Lodge, No. 56, A.O.U.W., will meet at their lodge room at 9 a.m. to attend the funeral.

MEAN SPITE.

A Vandal Destroys a Colored Girl's Property.

Some despicably mean person panted a petty spite last Monday against Laura Clisby, a hard-working and respectable colored woman, who, up to that time had occupied a room in a detached building adjoining Mrs. Michael's boarding-house on the corner of Fort and Franklin streets. On the day in question Laura was out washing all day, and, when she returned to her lodging, about 6 o'clock in the evening, she found that somebody had broken in and destroyed all of her personal effects. The vandal had poured some liquid, supposedly a solution of concentrated lye, over her things, besides tearing and cutting it, and also destroyed all of the little nick-nacks in the room.

A small clock had been tampered with, the keys twisted off, and the time-piece otherwise injured. It had stopped running at 12:30 o'clock, probably disclosing the time when the vandalism was perpetrated. Some of the effects were missing altogether, and had probably been stolen.

The young warriors took umbrage at this, and, at a regular muster of their forces last Saturday, they proceeded to wreak summary vengeance on the offending scribbler. They prepared an effigy, consisting of a suit of clothes studded with sharp and pointed wire-knives. Having depicted this in a small handcart, and made other necessary preparations, they marched in solid phalanx and in the best of order down street to a position with right resting in front of the place of the offending citizen. Then the captain stepped forth and read formal charges and specifications, followed by the finding of their court-martial, which was that the aforementioned scribbler should be vicariously hanged until he was dead, dead, dead.

Then the legion wheeled to right and marched to a vacant lot across the street, when a detail was assigned the duty of erecting a gibbet. This accomplished, another detail performed the task of stringing up the effigy by the neck, and it was allowed to remain thus in suspense until the regimental surgeon felt the pulse and pronounced it dead. Then the young marshal took a match to the lifeless carcass and it was consumed together with the gibbet from which it had hung.

The people of the town were out in force to witness the interesting ceremony, and it is said that the boys carried it through with the utmost appearance of decorum and without cracking a smile.

None of the high-handed outlaws had been arrested at last reports.

THE CITRUS FAIR.

Free Return Rates From Fruit Exposition.

J. M. Crawley of the Southern Pacific, and S. B. Hynes of the California Central and California Southern railroads, by direction of their companies, have offered to transport all exhibits for the State Citrus Fair for full tariff rates from and free return to original place of shipment. This shows a determination on their part to make the fair a success.

In addition to this offer Wells, Fargo & Co.'s express, through Mr. Prichard, has kindly offered to bring and return all exhibits at their "special fruit rate." This is a big reduction and cannot fail to be appreciated by fruit-growers.

THE POLICE COURTS.

A NEW FEATURE INTRODUCED IN THE CONTROVERSY.

The Legality of the Police Court Said to Have Been Sustained in the Strand Case—Two Decisions on the Same Subject That Are Contrary to Each Other.

The situation as regards the police courts took a new turn yesterday. Neither Judge Stanton nor Judge Owens transacted any business, nor will they do anything further until the matter of their legal status is definitely decided, but it is understood that an application will be made to the Supreme Court for a rehearing of the question on the ground that there is a decision on the records of that court which affirms the validity of the police courts. The case is that of August Strand, and follows immediately after that of Assessor Fisher, being found in volume 21 of the Pacific Coast Reporter. Strand was tried before Judge Stanton and convicted of disturbing the peace and sentenced to a term of imprisonment, which he was serving at the time the suit was brought by J. Marion Brooks against Assessor Fisher to test the legality of the charter. The Supreme Court was then sitting en banc, and, after a long discussion, decided in favor of the legality of the police courts, so that the case should be re-heard.

Resolved, that this association observes with astonishment and alarm a disposition of Los Angeles to vacate and close up a portion of true Temple street, which has been in very general use for many years, affording to the entire population of California and San Fernando valleys the most convenient and safe place to go to.

Resolved, that the vacating and closing up of said Temple street, as proposed, would work an irreparable injury to a large and growing population, and would be a positive detriment to our petition and request to City Council, and, made some weeks ago, to put said Temple street in traffic condition for public use.

Resolved, that on behalf of a rural and suburban population, numbered by thousands, we most earnestly protest against giving up of a portion of said Temple street as in direct violation of the well-established rights of the public.

Resolved, that our secretary is hereby instructed to send a copy of these resolutions to the City Council of Los Angeles, and to each of the daily papers of said city.

E. W. Dowd was appointed by the president to fill a vacancy in the Road Committee, caused by the resignation of W. H. Carlin.

The Fruit Committee was instructed to take the necessary steps toward securing a display of products at the Citrus Fair.

After a general discussion on subjects of interest to the members of the union, the meeting adjourned to meet at The Pass schoolhouse, March 8d, at 7:30 p.m.

The News Killed Him.

R. M. Beach, a well-known citizen of the University district, died suddenly yesterday between 11 and 12 o'clock.

He had been in bad health for some time, and yesterday, when informed of the accident to his son, W. W. Beach, who was thrown from his buggy in front of the Pico House, Tuesday, he fell in fainting fit, when he was laid on the bed, and died in a few minutes.

Mr. Beach came from Minnesota to Los Angeles seven or eight years ago. He was 65 years old at the time of his death, and leaves a widow and several children.

The Pianist Prediction is Made

That Drudgery Will be Abolished from the Household

Orchard 1889 Occupation of

the Domestic Servant

Will be Gone.

Valuable Advice for the Present Day

Mrs. Helen E. Sterrett, in a recent number of the Forum, contributes an article entitled, "Housekeeping in the Future." In it she tells how a few years electricity will supply light for the home, the family cooking and washing will be done outside, and there will be so little work in the household that the occupation of the domestic servant will be universally worn.

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AT THE CAPITAL.

Spicy Episode in the Ballot-box Inquiry.

Gov. Campbell Tells Ex-Gov Foraker Why He Called Him Names.

An Alleged Bomb Discovered in the Capitol Rotunda.

A Bill To Regulate Telegraph Rates Reported—Another Stormy Session of the Colored Men's Convention.

By Telegraph to The Times.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—[By the Associated Press.] The House committee investigating the Ohio ballot-box forgery this morning continued the examination of Gov. Campbell.

In answer to ex-Gov. Foraker, witness said that he had not predicated his assertion, made in a speech, that Foraker was an infamous scoundrel, upon the Luce letter, but it was an answer to Foraker's charge that he was a party to a million-dollar steal. Witness had said that any man who worked another with stealing a million dollars when he did not know what he was taking about was an infamous scoundrel. Witness said he never saw the Wood ballot-boxes, except one in Col. T. C. Campbell's office, and one brought to him in Washington. He never traveled with a ballot-box in his life; never spoke to the President about the ballot-box Bill.

The witness of the committee witness said he introduced the ballot-box Bill altogether upon T. C. Campbell's request. He thought Campbell should have a show for his box.

A number of other witnesses were examined, including Wood's wife, but nothing new was learned.

A TELEGRAPH BILL.

A Measure Designed to Regulate Rates for Messages.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—[By Senator Culion today reported favorably from the Committee on Commerce. Senator Spooner's bill to regulate interstate commerce by telegraph. Its provisions are similar in general tenor to those of the interstate commerce law as applied to railroads.

The bill provides that the committee to the long and short haul in the interstate commerce law. In the section forbidding special rates, rebates or drawbacks to any person, firm or corporation, the following provision occurs: "But notwithstanding in the act that it is prohibited in any telegraph company from receiving, transmitting and delivering messages for the United States or State or municipal corporations, or for the press, intended for publication as news at lower rates than are charged for social and business messages; provided, that no such company shall discriminate between the publishers of newspapers by allowing terms or advantages to one or more newspapers which are not allowed to newspapers in any city, town or place where there is, or may be a telegraph office from which such messages may be dropped."

WAS IT A BOMB?

A Mysterious Little Box in the Capitol.

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—[By the Associated Press.] The Evening Sun's Washington special says: This afternoon a startling discovery was made in the rotunda of the Capitol. In one of the spittoons was found a small box, the size of a silver dollar, and an inch thick, filled with a dull-looking compound, with cap and fuse attached. A test of its contents showed them to be an explosive of high power. The object of the authors is unknown.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—The rumor current today that a dynamite bomb had been found in the Capitol proved to be a slight foundation. A small oval-shaped tin box was found in a spittoon in the rotunda. The chief of the Capitol police examined it and found several grains of a substance resembling saltpeter, and a small quantity of some explosive, but it was impossible to tell what the latter would burn. He concluded that the box was a railroad torpedo, but to settle the matter has sent it to the District chemist for analysis.

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Merchant Marine and Fisheries in behalf of the bill granting subsidies to American vessels engaged in foreign trade. Felton represented the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, and his argument was an endorsement of Farquhar's bill.

Reports About Randall.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—A report was current at the Capital this afternoon that Randall had become suddenly worse and Dr. Lincoln had been summoned twice to his bedside. Upon inquiry the reports were found to be wholly unfounded. Miss Kanada, who Lincoln calls frequently to see her father and there was nothing unusual in his visit today.

Death of an Admiral.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—Rear Admiral Stephen P. Quackenbush, U.S.N. (retired), died last night, aged 67.

FIFTY-FIRST CONGRESS.
FIRST SESSION.

WASHINGTON (D. C.), Feb. 5.—[By the Associated Press.] Senate.—After a long discussion on the question of providing more rooms for the use of the committees, the Senate took up the bill to provide a temporary government for Oklahoma. The Clerk commenced to read the bill, but had discontinued reading when the bill was referred to the Senate Committee and temporary support of common schools was taken up in an unbroken business.

Mr. Blair addressed the Senate in advocacy of it.

Mr. Blair, after speaking a few minutes, turned and addressed the floor to Mr. Sherman, who, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, reported the following joint resolution, which was placed on calendar, congratulating the people of the United States of Brazil on their adoption of a republican form of government, and expressing the hope that the United States of America congratulates the people of Brazil on the just and peaceful assumption of the powers, duties and responsibilities of self-government, based upon the free consent of the governed and on the adoption of a republican form of government."

This joint resolution is proposed as a substitute for that of Mr. Moran, which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. It omits the words "and in their recognition of monarchical rule." It also omits several paragraphs declaratory recognition of the United States of Brazil as a lawful and rightful government, and directing the President to require the people and officers of the United States to recognize the independence of the United States of Brazil as a flag of a free, sovereign and independent State.

Mr. Blair then resumed his argument.

He declared the constitutionality of the bill beyond question, and spent at some length in answer to his various opponents.

After an executive session the Senate adjourned.

Burbank Items.

[Burbank Times.]

It is now unlawful to shoot doves,

the law going into effect the 1st of January. The game will be shot July 1st. The game law in this particular is very queer, for it permits the shooting of doves when the young are about hatching.

Mr. McPherson, at Burbank, is making splendid progress in clearing the slope southeast of town. It will look fine when the entire length of the foothill land is cleared and under cultivation.

The contract for Mr. E. H. Hollenbeck's house on Verdugo avenue has been let to Messrs. Du Bois & Ayers. The house will be a fine cottage, costing \$1600.

While walking hours from Los Angeles, it was found at Glendale last week a gun was accidentally discharged, lodging its full charge in Mr. Arnold's foot.

The shot literally tore away the instep. After the wound was dressed by Dr. Eveleth, Mr. Arnold was taken back to Los Angeles.

The Tropic school was closed several days owing to the spread of the influenza.

Weak Women.

Owe to themselves a duty to take Hood's Sarsaparilla, in view of the great relief it gives them who suffer from ailments peculiar to the sex. By purifying the blood, regulating important organs, strengthening the nerves, and toning the whole system, it restores the debilitated health.

After 15 Years.

"For 15 years my mother has been troubled with milk leg. She went to different parts of California, strength failing, she could not help her, but it was of no avail, and I, being a homoeopathist, thought I would get her to try Hood's Sarsaparilla. Before she had taken half a bottle she said she was improving, so she continued until she took half a dozen bottles, and now she is perfectly well. For nearly fifteen years she was unable to walk around, but now she can walk as well as ever." T. F. Blake, San Francisco, Cal.

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WEST ENDERS.

Weekly Meeting of the Board of Trade.

The West End Board of Trade met at its rooms on Temple street last evening at the usual hour, about thirty of the members being present.

A. M. Ellsworth complained of the Temple-street fire company; thought something is wrong somewhere, also that the fire-alarm box has been moved from Union avenue, a thickly-populated district, and placed in front of the engine-house.

E. E. Galbreath thought the company has done the best it could; that the trouble does not lie with the fire company; that there should be additional fireplugs, and that the hose cart is too heavy; that the proper source is the Fire Commissioners, and that the matter should be brought before that body.

C. E. Dailey said he has noticed the fire company and that he is agreed to be surprised at the service rendered. The matter was referred to the Fire Committee.

The special Committee on Streets reported that nothing has been accomplished in the Temple-street matter; that those opposed to the grade have presented nothing in the way of compromise, and hence the matter stands as it was.

J. Mills Davies, chairman of the Standing Committee on Streets, said that he has talked with Col. Morford, Street Superintendent, in regard to the present manner of constructing street gutters, and that he reported that changes could not be made by him. That matter is controlled by the City Engineer; also that he called the Street Superintendent's attention to the present condition of the streets and requested that something be done. The Superintendent said that 61 men have been taken off the force, and that his men have been working day and night, and that with the present force the streets will not be put in proper condition in six months.

The matter of putting in meters was discussed and strongly advocated by those using them. C. H. Libby thought that the proper course will be to get the Council to take action in the matter, and if nothing could be done, to welcome the Chicago or any other water company. Charles Luckenbach said that the City Attorney should ready at any time to make a test case, if any one paying a greater water rate, than they should, would refuse to pay the same, make complaint and test the matter.

Adjudged.

Burbank Items.

[Burbank Times.]

It is now unlawful to shoot doves,

the law going into effect the 1st of January. The game will be shot July 1st. The game law in this particular is very queer, for it permits the shooting of doves when the young are about hatching.

Mr. McPherson, at Burbank, is making

splendid progress in clearing the slope southeast of town. It will look fine when the entire length of the foothill land is cleared and under cultivation.

The contract for Mr. E. H. Hollenbeck's house on Verdugo avenue has been let to Messrs. Du Bois & Ayers. The house will be a fine cottage, costing \$1600.

Whale oil found in the box.

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IN PASADENA
THE TIMES is served regularly by carrier, at an early hour every morning, to the residences and business places of citizens, at the same price charged in Los Angeles.

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EDITORIALS.

The local political campaign seems to have opened up.

When the Webster Hotel opened there were many chronic grumblers who said it would not be a success, and there was no demand for a city hotel. This has been proved to be false. The hotel has proved a decided success from the very start, and is a credit and aid to the city in every way.

Two points have been raised against Mr. Wotkins as City Clerk already. One is that he has a high-license record and the other that he was a leader in the memorable fight for Pinckney. These points are well taken, but Mr. Wotkins stands on his record, and we fancy that it will not hurt him when the time comes.

The next election in this city will find candidates from every party in the field. Republicans, Democrats and Prohibitionists. This is, we think, as it should be. The men in charge of our municipal interests should be the very best, without regard to party. Pasadena must have the best, and proposes to have it in all departments.

The firm of Uncle Sam & Co., in the postal business at Pasadena, has declared a dividend or announced a profit of \$2495. Not bad for the times, as bad times affect the postoffices as well as anything else. The gross receipts of the office for the year, \$13,519; the expenditures, \$11,021, leaving the net revenue \$2495. The postmaster receives \$2500 per annum and the clerks \$6318.

The ball given by the Valley Hunt Club last night, at the Webster, was a red letter event in the social history of the city. Never before have so many distinguished men and women been gathered together under a single roof in the Crowd of the Valley. Some of our eastern friends who imagine that Pasadena is on the border land between the desert and the Pacific, will read the newspaper accounts with interest.

The press of Southern California should never let up on the question of coast defense until the Government shows its hand and promises to do the country justice. The entire coast, with its millions of dollars' worth of property, is utterly defenseless. In

case of war, and the event is certainly among the possibilities, an enemy could land a force at San Pedro, Redondo or Santa Monica that would in a very short space of time reduce Los Angeles to a ruin, burn Pasadena and ruin every orange grove in the valley. In a very few days results could be accomplished that it would take ten or twelve years to recover from. We should have batteries and torpedo stations at these ports, and a regiment or a part of an artillery regiment in Southern California. The engineer department and construction would employ some of our laborers. This point of coast defense should be insisted upon by the people and their representatives.

ABOUT THE HOTELS.

News of Happenings at the Big Houses.

A number of the Raymond guests attended the Valley Hunt ball last night.

There is no special amusement arranged for tonight, but the music hall floor is likely to be monopolized for an informal dance.

Tomorrow evening the ribbon garment will be danced. It will be one of the most brilliant of the season's events.

There is some talk of arranging an athletic contest, to take place sometime soon on the wide roadbed immediately in front of the hotel. The sports would include running and jumping contests, high kicking, a tug of war and other equally interesting sports.

Saturday, the continuation of the tennis tournament, and in the evening the usual hop.

THE WEBSTER.

At the progressive euchre contest, Tuesday evening, Mrs. Orndorf won the first ladies' prize and the second one went to Mrs. Simpson. The respective winners of the gentlemen's prizes were Mr. Livingston and Mr. Webster. Others present were: The Misses Crane, Miss Smith, Mrs. Webster, Miss Watson, Mrs. Bartram, D. W. Fernar, Dr. Browne, J. M. Permar, Mr. Bartram, Mr. Bartlett, Mr. Orndorf. The evening passed most pleasantly, one of the enjoyable features being a lunch served by Mrs. Webster.

A REAL ESTATE DEAL.

That Speaks Well for Pasadena's Prosperity.

One of the largest recent real estate deals made in Pasadena has just been consummated by J. Ellis. It involves a trade between Patten Bros. of this place and D. C. Wilson, a brother of John Wilson, a well-known Pasadenaian. Mr. Wilson gets seven houses and fifteen lots in Pasadena in exchange for a ranch in Arizona, 20 miles square, a lot of horses and 1600 head of cattle, together with other stock and improvements, and a small amount of cash.

The trade speaks well for the value of Pasadena property. Patten Bros. will, moreover, continue to reside here, so that the town will lose no residents and probably gain some as a result of the trade.

Secretary Mrs. J. H. Woodworth announces that the W.C.T.U. will hold a mother's meeting at the Baptist Church this afternoon at 3 o'clock. Officers and superintendents of departments are requested to meet one hour earlier.



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THE HUNT BALL.**SOCIAL EVENT OF THE SEASON IN PASADENA.**

Devotees of Spur and Saddle Do Homage to Tropicore — The Webster a Scene of Unusual Brilliance—Who Were Present.

When the opening strains of the first waltz on the programme proceeded from the instruments of Arndt's Los Angeles orchestra shortly before 9 o'clock last night, the scene in the ballroom of the Webster Hotel was one of exceptional brilliancy.

The occasion was the annual ball of the Valley Hunt Club. Gallant men, whose favorite sport is a dash in the saddle after a jack rabbit, a coyote or more pretentious game, and their companions of the fairer sex, equally enthusiastic in the chase, and some of whom are famous for their skill and daring on horseback, last night laid aside habit and spur and did homage to Tropicore.

The occasion was the social event of the season in Pasadena. Everything was conducted on a large scale, and the untiring efforts of those in charge made the affair an entire success, unclouded by the slightest hitch or jar. The ballroom, the artistic wall and scenic decorations of which made it probably the handsomest room of the kind in the State, was further set off by lavish floral decorations. The stage, on which the musicians sat, was a mass of palms, ferns and growing plants, set off by large bunches of lilies. In the southeast corner of the room, where the Reception Committee stood, there was a bower of palms and lilies very prettily arranged. A hunting "trophy" arranged by Mr. Conway Campbell, Johnson, Mr. Lindsay and other gentlemen on the San Rafael ranch, hung on the south wall. The massive background of green cloths were ingeniously arranged, bridle, stirrups, spurs, whips and other accoutrements of the chase. In the center the letters "V.H.C." were formed with bits and bridle strappings, the whole forming a novel and appropriate ornamentation. The dining-room was tastefully decorated with flags and bunting and growing plants. It should be stated in this connection that the attractive display of plants used for decorating purposes was generously contributed by the Park Nursery Company.

Numerous papers were referred back to the board by the Committee on Auditing and Finance and filed.

The Committee on Fire and Water recommended that the salaries of the drivers of the engine and the hook-and-ladder truck be placed at \$50 per month and that of driver of the hose cart at \$45. The recommendation was adopted.

The report of the City Engineer on the matter of the fire hydrants was read and ordered filed. The report stated that 17 hydrants had been placed with three yet remaining to be put in position.

Bills to the amount of \$556.39 were audited.

On recommendation the salaries of the policemen and of the Clerk's deputy were reduced from \$75 to \$50 a month, and Officer Clapper was dismissed, for the sake of retrenchment in municipal expenses.

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